Survey for rail line to Gangtok

1163. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey for linking railway line to Gangtok (Sikkim);

(b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(c) the progress made on the said project, so far; and

(d) if not, the specific reasons thereof and what is the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, survey had been conducted in 2000-01 for Sivok-Singtam new line *via* Giellikhola. The cost of construction of this 60 Kms. long line was assessed as Rs. 1099 crore with negative rate of return. Beyond Singtam, the new line was not considered technically feasible due to steep gradient. The proposal was not taken up for implementation due to unremunerative nature, heavy throwforward and constraint of resources. Further based on demands, survey for new line from Sivok to Rangpo has been taken up.

Tiny sector industrial units in Andhra Pradesh

1164. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the tiny sector industrial units set up in various districts of Andhra Pradesh under Integrated Infrastructure Development Scheme (IIDS);

(b) the details of the said new units proposed to be set up in the State, district-wise;

(c) the details of the amount sanctioned/released for setting up said units in the State; and

(d) the details of the financial performance of these units in the State during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) Under the Integrated Infrastructural Development (IID) Scheme, 5 IID Centres have been approved in Andhra Pradesh. As per the information furnished by the State Government, the number of tiny and small units set up in these Centres is as below:—

Sl.No.	Name of IIDC	No. of Units
1.	IIDC, Rangareddy	75
2.	IIDC, Krishna	18
3.	IIDC, Nellore	5
4.	IIDC, Kurnool	5
5.	IIDC, Chittoor	-

(b) Industrial units are set up by individual entrepreneurs of their own. Central Government only helps and supports. States/UT Administrations in developing infrastructure to enable existing perspective entrepreneurs to set up units.

(c) and (d) Out of a total amount of Rs. 7.79 crore committed as Central Grant for these Centres, an amount of Rs. 3.86 crore has been released as per the demand raised by the Implementing Agencies. The units set up are private entities. Their financial performance records are not maintained by the Government.

MSMED Act 2006

1165. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main features of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act, 2006 which becomes operational from 2nd October 2006;

(b) what is the difference between manufacturing and service enterprises;

(c) the details of items reserved for micro, small and medium enterprises and whether it is mandatory for Government to purchase these reserved items from these small/micro enterprises;